overburdened by ordinary charges for their armies, the help given to the King of France, and for ships which had joined her Majesty, yet they will oblige themselves, even beyond their proper ability, till both are contented

ijth March. THE SCOTTISH KING'S [c]

DAEMONOLOGY *

The Scottish King hath written a treatise of *Daemoro+ogy,* in form of a dialogue, and divided into three books, whereof the first treateth in general of magic and necromancy, the second of sorcery and witchcraft, and the third of those kinds of spirits that trouble men The Devil, saith he, enticeth men and women on to witchcraft by three passions which are within ourselves, curiosity in ingenious minds, thirst of revenge, or greedy appetite of gear caused through great poverty. The first is the only enticement of magicians and necromancers, the other two of the sorcerers and witches.

Declareth that they meet oftest in churches where they convene for adoring the Devil, their master, at which time, every one of them proposeth unto him what wicked turn they have done, either for obtaining of riches or for avenging them upon any whom they have malice at. At such times the Devil teacheth them how to make pictures of wax or clay, that by roasting thereof the persons represented may be dried or melted away by continual sickness, to others he giveth such stones or powders as */iU help to cure or cast on diseases, to others he teacheth kinds of uncouth poisons which medicmers understand not. These witches can make folks to become mad or frantic, or spirits to follow or trouble persons or haunt houses Noteth that in the time of papistry these unlawful arts were far rarer, and never so much heard of nor

so nf e as they
are now, but more ghosts and spirits were seen
nor tongue can
tell, where now a man shall scarcely all his time
hear once of
these tilings

His Majesty wrote this book because of the fearfxi abounding
of witches in his country, to prove that such assaults of Satan
are most commonly practised, and that the instruments thereof
ought most severely to be punished, contrary to the opinions of
Mr Reginald Scot, put forth in his *Discovery of Witchcraft*
some years since